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SUBJECT: SECURITY COUNCIL OPENS DEBATE ON ANGOLAN
COMPLAINT

REF: USUN 1828

1. SUMMARY. UN SECURITY COUNCIL MET IN FORMAL SESSION AT 9:30 PM MAY 5, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS, TO CONSIDER ANGOLAN COMPLAINT AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA FOR MAY 4 ATTACK. FOLLOWING PRESENTATION OF CASE BY ANGOLAN PERM REP FIGUEIREDO, SWAPO PRESIDENT NUJOMA AND ZAMBIAN AND TANZANIAN REPS SPOKE IN SUPPORT OF CALL FOR EFFECTIVE ACTION, INCLUDING MANDATORY SANCTIONS, AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA. MAURITIUS, ON BEHALF OF SEVEN NON-ALIGNED SC MEMBERS, INTRODUCED DRAFT RESOLUTION THAT WOULD, INTER ALIA, CONDEMN SOUTH AFRICAN "ARMED INVASION", DEMAND WITHDRAWAL OF SOUTH AFRICAN FORCES FROM ANGOLA, REAFFIRM SUPPORT FOR THE "JUST AND LEGITIMATE STRUGGLE" OF THE NAMIBIAN PEOPLE FOR INDEPENDENCE AND MAINTENANCE OF TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF THEIR COUNTRY, DEMAND AN END TO SOUTH AFRICAN ILLEGAL OCCUPATION OF NAMIBIA WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY AND DECIDE IN EVENT OF FURTHER SOUTH AFRICAN VIOLATIONS OF ANGOLAN TERRITORY "TO CONSIDER...MORE EFFECTIVE MEASURES" IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPROPRIATE CHARTER PROVISIONS, INCLUDING CHAPTER VII. END SUMMARY.

2. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING INFORMAL COUNCIL CONSULTATIONS EVENING OF MAY 5, UNSC MET IN FORMAL SESSION AT 9:30 PM TO CONSIDER ANGOLAN COMPLAINT AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA FOR ATTACK LAUNCHED AGAINST ANGOLA ON MAY 4. VENEZUELAN UNCLASSIFIED

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PRESIDENT GAVE FLOOR FIRST TO ANGOLAN PERM REP WHO HAD REQUESTED URGENT MEETING. AMB. FIGUEIREDO REVIEWED EVENTS OF MAY 4, STATING THAT ATTACK BEGAN AT 6:00 AM AND HAD CONTINUED THROUGH DAY. HE CLAIMED THAT ACCORDING TO LATEST WORD HE HAD, SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS WERE STILL ON ANGOLAN TERRITORY, THAT REINFORCEMENTS WERE STILL ARRIVING AND THAT THERE WAS NO SIGN OF INTENTION TO WITHDRAW. AIM, HE SAID, WAS NOT ONLY TO DESTROY SWAPO BUT ALSO TO DESTABILIZE SITUATION IN ANGOLA.

3. FIGUEIREDO ARGUED THAT ABSTENTION OF WESTERN FIVE IN SPECIAL GA SESSION ON NAMIBIA HAD GIVEN SOUTH AFRICA THE COURAGE TO MAKE ITS ATTACK. HE NOTED THAT CERTAIN COUNTRIES HAD ASKED SOUTH AFRICA FOR URGENT EXPLANATION OF ITS ACTION, BUT WONDERED WHAT EXPLANATION THERE COULD BE FOR ATTACK ON SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF INDEPENDENT STATE. CITING SOUTH AFRICA'S INVASION OF ANGOLA WHEN IT FIRST GAINED INDEPENDENCE, FIGUEIREDO COMPLAINED OF CONTINUOUS ATTACKS ON ANGOLA, WHO HAD BEEN SINGLED OUT BY THE "FASCIST JUNTA" IN PRETORIA "AND ITS ALLIES". HE PLEDGED CONTINUED ANGOLAN AID TO SWAPO AS LONG AS NAMIBIA WAS NOT INDEPENDENT.

HE REPEATED STANDARD CHARGES THAT WESTERN FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL INTERESTS, CREDITS, ETC., ENABLE SOUTH AFRICA TO CONTINUE ITS REPRESSIVE POLICIES AND ALLEGED THAT THERE HAD BEEN A SOUTH AFRICAN MILITARY BUILDUP IN WHICH MOST WEAPONS WERE ACQUIRED OR MANUFACTURED UNDER LICENSE FROM THE WEST.

4. FIGUEIREDO FOUND IT "NOT COINCIDENTAL" THAT ATTACK CAME AFTER APPEALS FROM WESTERN FIVE FOR ACCEPTANCE OF ITS PROPOSAL. HE INVITED THE FIVE TO EXAMINE SOUTH AFRICA'S VIOLATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW AND THE CHARTER AND TO QUESTION ITS ACTIONS AND MOTIVES. HE CONCLUDED WITH APPEAL FOR CONDEMNATION OF SOUTH AFRICAN ACTION

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AND FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF ARMS AND OIL EMBARGO AGAINST
SOUTH AFRICA AND OF SPECIAL GA-APPROVED PROGRAM OF ACTION.

5. SWAPO PRES NUJOMA ALSO REVIEWED DETAILS OF SOUTH
AFRICAN "AGGRESSION", CLAIMING INDISCRIMINATE ATTACK ON
CASSINGA REFUGEE SETTLEMENT WHERE MANY WOMEN, OLD
PEOPLE, AND CHILDREN LOCATED. HE CONSIDERED AIM OF "MASS
MURDER" TO BE INTIMIDATION OF NAMIBIAN PEOPLE SO THEY
WOULD SUCCUMB TO EFFORTS TO INSTALL PUPPET REGIME. HE
ALSO REITERATED CLAIMS OF MILITARY BUILDUP
IN SOUTH AFRICA AND NAMIBIA AND CITED RECENT
SECURITY MEASURES IN NAMIBIA AS PART OF TERROR CAMPAIGN.
HE REJECTED IDEA OF SOUTH AFRICAN-IMPOSED SETTLEMENT IN
NAMIBIA AND SAID DISAGREEMENTS ON WESTERN PROPOSAL MUST
BE RESOLVED IN TALKS SO AS TO ENSURE FAIR ELECTIONS
LEADING TO INDEPENDENCE. HE TOO URGED SC CONDEMNATION
OF AGGRESSION AND IMPOSITION OF MANDATORY SANCTIONS,
INCLUDING COMPREHENSIVE OIL AND ARMS EMBARGO, UNDER
CHAPTER VII OF CHARTER. NUJOMA AFFIRMED CONTINUATION OF
ARMED STRUGGLE BY SWAPO UNTIL SOUTH AFRICA IS FORCED TO
END ITS "ILLEGAL OCCUPATION" OF NAMIBIA.

6. ZAMBIA (KONIE) ALLEGED THAT ARMED ATTACK AGAINST
INNOCENT WOMEN AND CHILDREN HAD BEEN CARRIED OUT
WITH "MOST MODERN WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION SUPPLIED
BY SOME MEMBERS OF THIS COUNCIL". SHE CONSIDERED THE
ACTION PART OF SOUTH AFRICA'S EXPANSIONIST AND MILITARIST
POLICIES THAT WERE, HOWEVER, DOOMED TO FAIL. IN AMB.
KONIE'S VIEW THE ATTACK WAS A CHALLENGE TO THE WESTERN
STATES WHO DURING SPECIAL GA SESSION "WERE AT PAINS"
TO GIVE SOUTH AFRICA THE BENEFIT OF THE DOUBT SO THAT
ITS "SO-CALLED ACCEPTANCE" OF THE WESTERN FIVE PROPOSAL
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COULD BE PUT TO THE TEST. SHE CHARGED THAT SOUTH
AFRICA WAS "BUYING TIME" TO FACILITATE IMPOSITION OF

AN "INTERNAL SETTLEMENT" IN NAMIBIA, AND SAID THAT THE INVASION CONFIRMED HER FEARS THAT SOUTH AFRICA IS BENT ON MILITARIZING NAMIBIA AND USING IT AS A BASE FOR ATTACKS ON ITS NEIGHBORS. TIME IS RUNNING OUT, SHE DECLARED, AND POSITIVE MEASURES ARE REQUIRED. SHE ECHOED CALLS FOR MANDATORY AND COMPREHENSIVE SANCTIONS AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA UNDER CHAPTER VII, OIL AND ARMS EMBARGO, AND IMPLEMENTATION OF SPECIAL GA'S PROGRAM OF ACTION.

7. TANZANIA (SALIM) EXPRESSED AFRICAN SOLIDARITY WITH ANGOLA AND THE NAMIBIAN PEOPLE REPRESENTED BY SWAPO. SOUTH AFRICA'S ACTION WAS NOT SURPRISING, HE SAID, BUT UNMUST ACT IN FACE OF THIS DEFIANCE OF SC AND ORGANIZATION. THIS ACTION ON EVE OF FURTHER TALKS OF SWAPO WITH WESTERN FIVE WAS A CHALLENGE, HE THOUGHT, TO THOSE WHO INSIST ON POSSIBILITY OF NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT. HE ASSERTED THAT WAY IN WHICH WESTERN FIVE ACT "TO CONFOUND THE ARROGANCE OF PRETORIA" WILL DETERMINE THEIR CREDIBILITY AND NATURE OF THE PATH "WE" WILL FOLLOW.

8. IT HAS BEEN ONLY WESTERN SUPPORT AND PROTECTION THAT HAS ENABLED SOUTH AFRICA TO ACT AS IT HAS, SALIM CONTENDED. IT WAS NOW NOT ENOUGH TO CONDEMN OR DENOUNCE OR TO EXPRESS MORAL OUTRAGE. IF COUNCIL DID NOT ACT FIRMLY AND WITHOUT EQUIVOCATION, HE DECLARED, IT WOULD BE SENDING A MESSAGE TO AFRICA THAT ONLY ARMED RESISTANCE TO THE END WAS POSSIBLE; MOREOVER, IT WOULD UNDERMINE THE AUTHORITY OF THE COUNCIL. HE URGED THE SC TO DEMONSTRATE THROUGH ACTION THAT AGGRESSION DOES NOT PAY AND THAT THERE CAN BE NO COMPROMISE WITH EVIL.

9. FINAL SPEAKER OF EVENING WAS AMB RAMPHUL OF MAURITIUS WHO INTRODUCED DRAFT RESOLUTION ON BEHALF OF SEVEN CO-SPONSORS: BOLIVIA, GABON, INDIA, KUWAIT, MAURITIUS, UNCLASSIFIED

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NIGERIA, VENEZUELA. HE REVIEWED THE 12 PREAMBULAR AND 8 OPERATIVE PARAGRAPHS, NOTING DRAFT WOULD BE AVAILABLE AS

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PRINCIPAL OPERATIVE PARAS AS DESCRIBED IN SUMMARY, ABOVE.

10. PRESIDENT ANNOUNCED THAT COUNCIL WOULD MEET NEXT AT
11:00 AM MAY 6. LEONARD

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